

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 29, of the Substitute Specification, Clean with the following rewritten paragraph:

The invention comprises the design of the structure of an implant plate for stabilizing a fracture of an upper-arm head and/or a fracture of a proximal upper arm, the implant plate having, in addition to drill holes for upper-arm head-screws and shaft screws, receiving members disposed close to the edge on the side of the head portion facing away from the bone, for flexible fastening members such as wire cerclages or surgical suture material. The implant plate has a substantially uniform thickness of material of about 0.5 to 6.5-mm, preferably of 0.8 to 3.5 mm. The head-end portion of the implant plate is formed to be spoon-shaped. In comparison with the head-end portion, the shaft-end portion of the implant plate is formed to be narrower, having a flat stem-shape. Furthermore, the spoon-shaped implant plate is of slightly convex curvature, and a cross-section that is slightly bowed, or of hollow-ground shape, or formed as a shallow channel-profile. The head-end portion has at least one drill hole and/or oblong hole for upper-arm head-screws. The shaft-end portion has at least one drill hole and/or oblong hole for shaft screws. In an embodiment, at least three receiving members, formed as ridges, for fastening members are provided close to the edge on the spoon-shaped portion of the implant plate to protrude from the side facing away from the bone. These eyelet-shaped receiving members facilitate rapid threading of the flexible fastening member, such as a wire cerclage or surgical suture material.